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Hüttenwerk-Kombinat Ost, Fürstenberg

1. The daily capacity of the blast furnaces at the plant is to be increased to 600 tons.

Kombinat West Steel Works, Calbe

2. It has now been decided to erect a total of ten "Niederschacht" furnaces to produce foundry pig iron. A cement factory and a power station are also to be attached to the Kombinat.

Hoffmann & Motz, Eberswalde

3. This plant was managed by a custodian until August 1950, but is now directly controlled by HA Metallurgie of the Ministry of Industry.

4. In 1948-49 the daily steel output at this plant amounted to about 50 tons. The figure has now increased to 110 tons, partly because of the introduction of a three-shift system. All steels produced are of the highest quality, e.g., manganese steel, turbine blade steel and machine tool steels. The major reorganization now in progress will enable this plant to increase its production still further. A sum of 2.5 million DM (Ost) is to be invested during 1951 at this plant in order to facilitate these plans. The horseshoe section of the works now produces 5,000 horseshoes per eight-hour shift at a rate of three shifts per day. Another project contemplated is the erection of a new push heating furnace.*

5. Improved production at the plant is largely due to the recent employment of two former Upper Silesian expert craftsmen who used to work in Laband, Betriebsleiter Koppmeyer and Herr Kopitz.

* [redacted] Comment: The German word given for the term push heating furnace is Stossofen.

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Brandenburg (sic; not identified further)

6. All four 100-ton SM furnaces at this plant will be in operation by Christmas 1950. Furnace No. 2 started to operate in mid-September 1950, and is now producing 92 tons daily. Furnace No. 3 started to operate on 12 October 1950.

7. The form foundry is to employ a total of 800 workers on completion. A modern chill mould foundry is also planned at this plant.

8. New canal quays are at present being built for this steel plant.

Walzwerk Kirchmöser

9. The groundwork for the mechanization of the sheet steel rolling mill has now been completed. This rolling mill produces 8 tons of sheet metal per hour at present.

10. A new plate heating furnace with a capacity of 16 tons per hour was to be put into operation on 20 October 1950.

Stahl-und Walzwerk, Riesa

11. A new rolling mill producing 2.5-ton ingots started operating in early October 1950.

12. One new 25-ton SM furnace at the plant's form steel foundry was put into operation in September 1950.

13. It is planned to produce 25,000 tons of steel pipes in 1951.

14. A new form steel foundry is to be set up at the plant.

15. In 1953, the overall total of the plant's output is to amount to 200,000 tons of finished products.

Eisen-und Stahlwerk Gröditz

16. Alterations and additions to the drop forge are being planned. The plant for the manufacture of wheel sets is being enlarged by the firm of Christoph & Unmack of Niesky.

Sächsische Gussstahl-Werke Döhlen

17. It is planned to turn this plant into a large, modern, high-grade steel works.

Maxhütte Unterwellenborn

18. One slab bloom push heating furnace, intended for the planned broad strip rolling mill, is about to start operating with a capacity of 24 tons per hour. The preheating of the air supply for this new furnace is, however, still creating difficulties. As soon as this furnace is working, the present "Trio" push heating furnace is to be altered accordingly.

19. One of three new annealing furnaces which are planned for the production of ball bearing rings, each of which has a capacity of 25 tons per hour, is now being erected.

20. A lime pit furnace with a daily capacity of 24 tons is being built. Several larger furnaces of this type will be reconstructed later.

21. The Thomas steel plant now produces 18,000 tons per month, as against 15,000 tons in 1948. A new 350-ton mixer is being planned for this plant.

22. Alterations to the reheating furnace plant are planned.

Kupfer-und Blechwalzwerk, Ilsenburg

23. Beginning 15 October 1950, the sheet steel production capacity of this plant was to increase from 6 to 12 tons per hour, as a result of alterations to one of the two push heating furnaces. Similar alterations are now to be carried out on the other furnace.

24. A plate heating furnace with a capacity of 8 tons per hour is to start operating on 1 November 1950.

Reichsbahn Repair Shops, Dresden

25. The push heating furnace at this plant has now been completed, but cannot be operated because of a shortage of raw materials.

26. It is considered possible that, because of a shortage of raw materials, the rolling mill will never be completed here and the existing parts may be sent to Döhlen.